STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MILWAUKEE COUNTY BRANCH 05

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff,

JURY TRIAL
Case No.04CF000609

-Vs-

DANNY L. WILBER,

COPY

Defendant.

CHARGE: First Degree Intentional Homicide While Armed with a Dangerous Weapon

February 21, 2005 Milwaukee, Wisconsin Safety Building-Room 316

BEFORE:

THE HONORABLE MARY M. KUHNMUENCH CIRCUIT JUDGE

APPEARANCES:

JAMES GRIFFIN, Assistant District Attorney,
Appeared on behalf of the State of Wisconsin.

MICHAEL CHERNIN, Attorney-at-Law,
Appeared on behalf of the defendant.

Defendant appeared in person.

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1	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS:
2	THE COURT: State of Wisconsin v.
3	Danny Wilber, 04CF000609, first degree
4	intentional homicide while armed with a
5	dangerous weapon. Appearances please.
6	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Assistant DA
7	Jim Griffin for the State.
8	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Michael
9	Chernin appearing on behalf of Danny Wilber.
10	Danny Wilber appears in person.
11	THE COURT: All right. It is
12	quarter to 11 and I do have a morning
13	calendar, gentlemen, that I'd like to be able
14	to get to, a couple of pleas and sentencings,
15	and I was apprised first thing this morning
16	with respect to this case that the State's
17	witness, Mr. Richard Torres, had failed to
18	return to court this morning. The State had
19	indicated that they were in contact with
20	Mr. Torres's mother, and that they also had
21	received a voice message from Mr. Torres at
22	approximately 10:00 a.m. this morning. I
23	think that's fairly accurate.
24	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That's
25	correct.

- Francisco	THE COURT: All right. What
2	would you like to apprise me of with respect
3	to this situation?
4	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Isn't it also
5	didn't somebody actually have didn't
6	somebody from the police department actually
7	have a conversation with him, with Mr. Torres
8	earlier regarding meeting him at a gas station
9	as well?
10	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That was on
11	Friday of last week.
12	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Oh. I thought
13	I'm sorry.
14	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Judge, I I
15	know that Detective Casper had agreed to have
16	transportation arranged for Mr. Torres this
17	morning. He was not at the agreed upon pick
18	up spot. He has, as you know, since left a
19	message on Lisa Maggiore's M-A-G-G-I-O-R-E,
20	phone, who's from Victim Witness in my office
21	who had contact with him several times last
22	week as well, that he could not could not
23	or would not be here this morning. I think he
24	said could, but he would be here this
25	afternoon for sure

1	Detective Casper informed me that
2	some member of his family one second
3	that the mom apparently was under the
4	impression apparently from him that he was
5	going to be here or had to be here this
6	afternoon. I don't I don't know where the,
7	I'll call it confusion, comes from, although
8	apparently Mr. Torres has committed to being
9	here this afternoon.
10	At this point, other than through
11	his mother, I don't have any information as to
12	why he's not here. In other words, Mr. Torres
13	himself has not explained that to Ms. Maggiore
14	or me or Detective Casper. The mom gave us
15	some information about why she thought he
16	wasn't here based on things he told her, but
17	and I can tell you that they were fear-
18	related, as opposed to drug-and-alcohol-
19	related. And and again, I can't vouch for
20	the truth of any of that.
21	So with that said, I understand
22	that I understand, number one, these things
23	happen, which they shouldn't. I understand
24	that it's already 10:45, which means we've
25	kept the jury back there already an hour and a

- half waiting. The State's prepared to go

 ahead with other witnesses and ask the court's

 indulgence till later in the day to see where

 Mr. Torres is. He obviously -- I know the

 court saw his direct as an important witness

 for the State.
- I believe that it would be 7 difficult were he to, let's say, you know, 8 disappear forever, so to speak, or whatever 9 may happen, it would be difficult for this 10 court to simply instruct the jury to disregard 11 his testimony and proceed forward, although I 12 that would be, I quess, a bridge we would 13 cross at a later date. So I'm essentially 14 asking the court to either allow me to proceed 15 with other witnesses or to simply continue in 16 a waiting posture till 1:30 and see where 17 we're at. 18

I can't speak for Mr. Torres,

other than to tell you that last week he was

very cooperative with us in terms of

answering, you know, talking to Miss Maggiore,

understanding the delays, always checking in

with us, those kind of things. He does go to

class, he was going to class in the

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- 1 afternoon. I think he talked about how he's 2 getting his HSED. But I'm a little surprised 3 by this. I do know that last week when we were talking with him about where to pick him 4 5 up, he did express some concerns about his 6 safety. That was before the weekend, and that 7 was an issue for him, and why we were going to pick him up some place else and those kinds of 9 things.
- And while it's -- there's no --10 so that's what I know at this point. I'll 11 12 stop there. I know that the family as well, Mr. Torres's I believe brother and mom have 13 14 been helpful in trying to get us get in touch 15 with him. About 20 to 25 minutes ago I think 16 the mom indicated to Miss Maggiore that she 17 would go over there and see if he was over 18 there in his residence. As of right now I 19 haven't heard anything -- it's going on about 20 10:50 -- from Miss Maggiore who obviously understands and will call me down here as soon 21 22 as she knows something. So I'm going to 23 assume she hasn't heard anything yet.
- THE COURT: Mr. Chernin?
- 25 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, clearly,

1 under the rules of evidence the court has the 2 right to direct the mode of presentation. 3 this regard, I'd ask the court to exercise its discretion and continue to delay these matters 5 pending Mr. Torres's appearance or non appearance. I think that this is a very * 6 serious matter, that the court has already 7 8 told the jury that Mr. Torres is going to be 9 subject to cross examination or continued 10 examination, I don't know if Mr. Griffin was 11 through with him, and that we were going to 12 take a break for Detective Schuler.

13 We accommodated that because 14 Detective Schuler was coming in from out of 15 town. He's retired and he was leaving the 16 country or leaving out of state at least, 17 today. That made a degree of sense. At this 18 juncture however I think it would be a result 19 of -- I think that the result would be that 20 the court would be placed in a position to 21 breaking faith with the jury if we have the 22 court back off of its prior statement to them, 23 that we were going to continue with the examination of Mr. Torres, and it would seem 24 to me that this case -- this case really is 25

- 1 contingent upon Mr. Torres's availability.
- 2 And I don't -- and it really, at
- 3 this juncture would be inappropriate, in my
- 4 estimation, to put on other witnesses in front
- of the jury. And I don't think that it -- I
- 6 think it -- it could be understood in so many
- 7 different ways by the jury that I -- I'm
- 8 afraid that it will have a negative inference
- 9 to the jury if Mr. Torres is not brought back
- 10 to the stand.
- 11 THE COURT: A negative inference
- 12 how?
- 13 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, that
- they're going to blame somebody for his non
- appearance. And I don't want that to be held
- against my client in any way. And so that's
- 17 why.
- THE COURT: His non appearance
- period or his delay in appearing? If it's a
- 20 non appearance period that's a completely
- 21 different issue.
- 22 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, right.
- Non appearance at this juncture. So I guess
- delay is the -- the -- what I'm looking at
- 25 right now. I mean obviously. So -- and, you

1 know, this jury's worked hard, they've been 2 with us an awfully long time, and it would 3 just simply be breaking faith with them if we didn't resume with Mr. Torres. I mean, you 4 can explain things in a -- other ways to them 5 6 as the court's busy calendar, and clearly this 7 court has a busy calendar, but I -- I think it 8 would be unduly prejudicial to commence with 9 -- with a witness other than Mr. Torres. 10 (Discussion off the record.) 11 THE COURT: The court does have, 12 I think as the defense has correctly stated, 13 the ability to control the method and manner 14 by which witnesses are called, the order in 15 which they're called, subject to certain 16 limitations consistent with the defendant's 17 right to a fair trial, consistent with the 18 concept of a fair trial for the prosecution as 19 well, to be able to put in the case they want 20 to put in. 21 When I balance all of those 22 things and I look at what the -- where we've 23 come in terms of the trial itself, we're here 24 in the sixth day of a trial through jury 25 selection, through the -- at least three

quarters of the State's case in chief, a

weekend, and now into the first day of the

second week of trial with a jury that the

parties worked very hard to -- to -- to

obtain, in terms of their selection of these

particular 12 individuals.

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- The balancing test that I must

 make is whether or not allowing the State to

 continue with its case in chief around the

 absence of Mr. Torres at this time is going to

 create some sort of undue influence,

 inference, pressure upon the jury, to -- to

 question why other witnesses are being put in

 and Mr. Torres --
- 15 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Judge, hang on 16 one second. If I may interrupt, Mr. Torres is 17 here. Mr. Torres is here.

18 THE COURT: All right. The court 19 was going to be making a ruling about how the 20 State would need to proceed consistent with the defense's request, whether it would be 21 22 appropriate to just have a continuance to 1:30 23 this afternoon or to fill the time in between 24 with other witnesses. The State's -- or the 25 defense's request was to wait for just the

- continuance so as not to create some undue
 influence or inference in the minds of the
 jurors, and the court was inclined to, if it
 had come to that, grant that request. That is
 that we would adjourn the proceedings or
 continue the proceedings until 1:30 this
 afternoon.
- opportunity to handle some of the calendar
 that I have left this morning and then we'd
 take up this trial again at 1:30. That
 doesn't seem to be necessary at this time, as
 the State has just indicated that its witness,

 Mr. Torres, has -- has appeared.

So one other matter that we need to put on the record however, something I took up in chambers with the lawyers, and that had to do with the illness of one of our jurors,

Miss Burzynski, who was, she had indicated to the parties and the court on Friday night,

very ill, not feeling very well, and we actually adjourned early so that she'd be able to use the weekend to hopefully recoup. That didn't appear to happen. This morning she appeared, she was timely, she came, but she

was extremely sick and asked the deputies if

she could be excused or at least let the court

know and the lawyers know of her illness, to

see if she might be able to be excused or used

as the 13th juror.

I did bring that to the attention of Mr. Chernin and Mr. Griffin this morning and they both indicated that I should use my discretion and they would have no objection to me using her as the 13th juror, that is as the alternate in this case, which means we'd be going just with a jury of 12.

I was pretty comfortable, as were the lawyers, that we could proceed with the trial and complete it with just a panel of 12, because it seemed to me, as it did to the lawyers, this was a pretty good panel and they've all showed up, they've all come to work every day when we've had long breaks like this morning and they have not been deterred in their duty. So the court, consistent with that, did in fact use Ms. Burzynski as our 13th juror, as our alternate, and returned her back to Jury Management at 9:30 this morning.

We're going to continue with the

1 State's case in chief at this time, where they will call Mr. Torres, we'll have him back up 2 on the witness stand and we'll have my 3 4 deputies bring the jury in momentarily. Judge, there's 5 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: 6 a couple -- a couple items. One of the things, I filed a brief this morning. 7 8 THE COURT: I did read it. 9 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okav. THE COURT: It's just a --10 another motion in limine on the issue that I 11 believe I had already ruled on. It does, more 12 13 particularly, raise some of the issues that I 14 think you raised sufficiently on the record 15 orally to the court on at least two occasions 16 last week. But as it relates to that ruling, 17 I'm not going to get into that. We've already 18 delayed the jury, so you and I and Mr. Griffin will have to take that up, if need be, over 19 the lunch hour, but we're --20 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: There is one 21 22 other issue with respect to the continuing examination of Mr. Torres, and this was 23 something that we did discuss off the record 24 kind of rather informally. One of the things 25

that I suggest is Mr. Griffin had indicated 1 that Richard Torres's mother had received 2 statements from Mr. Torres regarding his non 3 appearance. To the extent that those 4 5 statements may contain exculpatory matters, we're in the midst of a trial, a new issue has 6 arisen, I don't have the resources to get to 7 Mr. Torres's mother. I don't even know her 8 Mr. Griffin has indicated that she has 9 10 a cell phone. I would like to have the -- at 11 least the opportunity to have Mr. Kohl contact 12 her and find out what, if anything, she 13 learned about statements made by her son, 14 because they are potentially exculpatory under 15 Brady v. Maryland. And if, for example, he 16 said that he wasn't coming back because he 17. couldn't stand the pressure of coming into 18 court and lying, or whatever, I mean that --19 that would be a pretty good example. 20 So what I would like to do is 21 obtain the cell phone number from Mr. Kohl --22 or from Mr. Griffin and have five minutes or 23 so so I can try and contact Mr. Kohl and give 24

him instructions as to what I'd like him to

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1	pursue.
2	THE COURT: Mr. Griffin?
3	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That's fine.
4	Are we talking about delaying five minutes
5	right now?
6	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Yeah.
7	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Okay. I have
8	to get in touch with Ms. Maggiore, who may be
9	out in the hallway. She I'm not sure,
10	she's the one who has the number.
11	THE COURT: Get that and then,
12	Mr. Chernin, you can use that cell phone and
13	go in the back and call him with that
14	information.
15	(Discussion off the record.)
16	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Ms. Maggiore
17	is on the phone, Judge, if I may.
18	THE COURT: You may.
19	(Discussion off the record.)
20	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Judge, back on
21	the record?
22	THE COURT: Yes.
23	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'm going to
24	give this number to Mr. Chernin. I'm going to
25	ask that he be ordered not to share it with

the defendant or anyone else other than 1 Mr. Kohl, and that this piece of paper that 2 I've written it on be destroyed after that. 3 THE COURT: Mr. Chernin, that's 4 the court's order. 5 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: I appreciate 6 that, but of course, you know, it's going to 7 be in my cell phone. I can erase it. 8 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: It's not going 9 to be in your cell phone, I don't think, 10 because I don't think you're going to call 11 her, and Mr. Kohl can call her from a land 12 13 line. ATTORNEY CHERNIN: If he can do 14 it, I'll try. I don't know --15 THE COURT: You don't know what? 16 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: I don't know 17 what -- I don't know what --18 THE COURT: Here's the order. 19 You're going to get a phone number that you 20 can share with Mr. Kohl. Mr. Kohl is -- and 21 as soon as you share that number that piece of 22 paper comes back to my clerk, my clerk will 23 destroy it. 24 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: That's fine. 25

1	Thank you.
2	(Discussion off the record.)
3	THE COURT: Mr. Torres, I'm going
4	to have you come on up to the witness stand,
5	you may be seated.
6	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Judge, there's
7	one thing before we bring the jury in. I've
8	asked that Mr. Torres's mother, because she's
9	potentially a witness now, first be ordered to
10	remain and be available, and I'd ask that she
11	be subject to the sequestration order as well.
12	THE COURT: Is she here?
13	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: She's here
14	with Ms. Maggiore.
15	ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: She's here.
16	Can I have a minute, Judge, to explain to her
17	why, because I'm sure she's thinking, why do I
18	have to stay.
19	THE COURT: That's fine.
20	(Discussion off the record.)
21	DEPUTY: All rise for the jury.
22	(Jury in box.)
23	THE COURT: Good morning. Please
24	be seated. I want to thank you very much for
25	your patience this morning, ladies and

gentlemen. You've been real troopers. 1 wanted to just make a record for purposes of 2 the trial, I've already informed you, and the 3 lawyers know this as well, that one of our 4 members of the panel was ill and we allowed 5 her to be released from further jury service. 6 She served as the alternate in this case. 7 That means we're down to 12. Citizens who are charged with the commission of a crime have a 9 right to a jury trial consisting of a panel of 10 12 of their peers. You are the 12 individuals 11 that will decide this case ultimately at the 12 conclusion of the case. We don't have an 13 alternate, so we're just sort of winging it 14 and hoping that nobody else gets sick. 15 And part of my thinking with 16 respect to that one juror was the longer she 17 stayed, the more she might have gotten you --18 some of you sick, so then we'd really be in 19 That was kind of the thought process 20 trouble. that went into it. You folks have been with 21 this a whole week now and into a second week, 22 and as the lawyers and I discussed it, we have 23 every confidence that we won't lose any more 24

jurors and we'll be able to conclude the trial

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this week. 1 We ended Friday's session in sort 2 of an out-of-order process because of the 3 detective who had retired who lives in Madison 4 who came in, and so Mr. Torres's testimony was 5 interrupted. He had been examined by the 6 State, I don't know if the State has any 7 further direct, but I'll ask them that, and 8 then he's also going to be subject to cross 9 examination at this time. So that's where 10 we're at in the trial process. 11 I'm going to have you stand, 12 Mr. Torres, and I'm going to have you reraise 13 your right hand. 14 RICHARD TORRES, called as a 15 witness herein, having been first duly sworn, 16 was examined and testified as follows. 17 THE COURT: Please be seated. 18 I'm going to ask you to begin once again, sir, 19 by stating your full name for the forward, 20 spelling your first and last name. 21 THE WITNESS: Richard Torres. 22 R-I-C-H-A-R-D, T-O-R-R-E-S. 23 THE COURT: Mr. Griffin, had you 24 concluded your direct examination? 25

- 1 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Yes.
- THE COURT: Cross, Mr. Chernin.
- 3 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you,
- 4 Your Honor.
- 5 CROSS EXAMINATION:
- 6 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 7 Q. Mr. Torres, you recall during the course of
- 8 your direct examination, Mr. Griffin had you
- engage in moving the people around; correct?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And when I say moving the people around, the
- 12 people that you were talking about in your
- 13 little exam wasn't obviously you and
- Mr. Griffin and Detective Casper, but rather
- you were trying to display the relative
- 16 positions of yourself, David Diaz, and the
- 17 person that you identified as Danny Wilber or
- 18 Slim; correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And in your examination -- or in your direct
- 21 examination, you said that -- if you could
- 22 hold Exhibit 15, have you seen Exhibit 15
- before, it's the one that's in the front,
- 24 Exhibit 15?
- 25 A. Yes.

- 1 Q. Have you seen that one? Okay. In Exhibit 15,
 - 2 does that display anything that you're
 - 3 familiar with?
 - 4 A. Yes, my hat. Also my best friend on the
 - 5 floor.
 - 6 Q. It's your best friend?
 - 7 A. Yes.
 - 8 Q. And in that picture, does it show the position
 - 9 that you saw Mr. Diaz in after he was shot?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. Now, after Mr. Diaz was shot, did you do
- 12 anything or see -- first of all, did you move
- his body in any way?
- 14 A. No, I didn't.
- 15 Q. Did you see anyone else move Mr. Diaz's body
- in any way?
- 17 A. No, I didn't.
- 18 Q. Were you present when members of the fire
- department came to the scene? The emergency
- 20 medical technicians?
- 21 A. No, I wasn't.
- 22 Q. However, looking at Exhibit 15, is it fair to
- 23 say that that depicts the position that you
- saw Mr. Diaz in immediately after he was shot?
- 25 A. I wouldn't say immediately, no, 'cuz I don't

- 1 think he had a shirt on.
- 2 Q. He didn't have a shirt on?
- 3 A. Well, not this color, I don't think. Earlier
- 4 he had a yellow sweater when we went out. I'm
- just now seeing this, you know.
- 6. Q. You're saying that his body was -- was changed
- 7 in some way?
- 8 A. I'm saying the last recall of his clothing
- 9 that I remember he was wearing a yellow and
- 10 tan sweater.
- 11 Q. Other than the -- other than the tan sweater,
- is there any other -- is there anything other
- 13 -- else in Exhibit -- is that 14 or 15, I'm
- sorry?
- 15 THE COURT: Look at the yellow
- sticker. Is there a yellow sticker there,
- 17 Mr. Torres?
- 18 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: 15.
- 19 A. Yeah, 15.
- 20 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 21 Q. Other than the tan sweater that you don't see
- in Exhibit 15, in every other respect you
- 23 would agree that that is how Mr. Torres was
- positioned immediately after he was shot?
- 25 A. Mr. Diaz.

- 1 Q. I'm sorry, Mr. Diaz, immediately after he was
- 2 shot?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as
- 5 Exhibit 25. Have you seen this before? The
- 6 picture before?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. In that photograph, Exhibit 25, does that also
- 9 reflect the position in which Mr. Diaz's body
- was after the time that he was shot?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And is it fair to say that the doorway
- depicted in Exhibit 25 is the doorway that you
- 14 took to go out of the kitchen to the front
- door as you testified earlier, you went to go
- 16 watch Danny Wilber run out the front door?
- 17 A. Yes, this is the doorway.
- 18 Q. That's the doorway to the kitchen; correct?
- 19 A. Correct.
- 20 Q. And the area between -- well, what I'm
- 21 pointing to just immediately above the sticker
- that says Exhibit 25, that's the stairs;
- 23 correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. So the -- and you can see one of those stairs

- 1 and I'm pointing to it; correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, in Exhibit 25 you can see where
- 4 Mr. Diaz's feet are positioned relative to the
- 5 doorjamb; correct? And I'm pointing to the
- 6 doorjamb that leads to the side porch that one
- 7 sees in Exhibit 1, and I'm pointing to that
- 8 door; correct?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And here's that door; correct? Am I correct?
- 11 A. Which door are you referring to?
- 12 Q. The white door.
- 13 A. Yeah, side door. Yes.
- 14 Q. Side door?
- 15 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Can the jury
- see that, Judge, where he's pointing?
- 17 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Can the jury
- 18 see this?
- 19 THE COURT: Jury is affirming
- that they can see.
- 21 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 22 Q. His feet are located in the position -- in the
- position that you see it, relative to this
- 24 doorjamb; correct?
- 25 A. Right.

- 1 Q. In Exhibit 14, one can see a different
- 2 perspective, can you not, as to the position
- of Mr. Diaz's right foot; correct? Would that
- 4 be his right foot or his left foot?
- 5 A. His right foot.
- 6 Q. And his right foot appears in Exhibit 14, and
- from this perspective, you can actually see
- 8 his shoe between the east wall and the
- 9 counter top; is that correct?
- 10 A. That's correct.
- 11 Q. I'll show you what's been marked as Exhibit
- 12 51. Are you familiar with that document?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Who drew the outline of the area depicted in
- Exhibit 51? Is that 51? I'm sorry.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Yes, Exhibit 51. Who drew that outline?
- 18 A. I believe it was one of the detectives.
- 19 Q. And was that detective doing that diagram
- 20 based upon your instruction as to the
- 21 positions of the rooms?
- 22 A. I believe he was at the house, and he kind of
- 23 knew where everything was out and based on
- 24 what I was telling him where things were at I
- was drawing it up where things should be

- 1 placed.
- 2 Q. So what was on Exhibit 51 at the time that you
- 3 first saw it? Did it have just an outline?
- 4 Did it have the cabinets in there? Did it
- 5 have the stove in there? The table? Were
- 6 those items in there or were they placed in
- 7 there at your instruction to the detective?
- 8 A. I believe that they were there, plus I told
- 9 him where things were at.
- 10 Q. Okay. So Exhibit 51 reflects your perception
- of what was in the kitchen at the time of the
- 12 shooting of your good friend, David Diaz; is
- that fair to say?
- 14 A. Yes, these are things that are in the
- household that I know of because I live there.
- 16 O. You live there?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, when I say something is drawn to
- scale, do you understand what I mean by that?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What do you understand by drawn to scale?
- 22 A. To scale, by measurements.
- 23 Q. Okay. Now, that diagram is not drawn to
- 24 scale; is it?
- 25 A. No, it's not.

- 1 Q. And despite it's not being drawn to scale, did
- 2 you do your best to place the individuals that
- 3 are depicted in Exhibit 51, by your
- 4 recollection, of their relative positioning?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. In that diagram, is it fair to say that you
- 7 located Mr. Diaz in the position that is
- 8 reflected by the name David and X that you
- 9 placed on Exhibit 51?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And that Rock was closer to Mr. Diaz than you
- or Slim; isn't that correct?
- 13 A. Correct.
- 14 Q. And Slim was facing forward looking at
- Mr. Diaz; correct? Or an angle to Mr. Diaz;
- 16 correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And isn't it fair so say that at the time that
- 19 the shot went off, you had been in a position
- 20 where you were blacked out and that's -- isn't
- 21 that fair to say?
- 22 A. For a few seconds, yes.
- 23 Q. And as a result of your being blacked out, you
- 24 did not actually see the shot being fired,
- isn't that a fair assessment of what you've

- 1 previously said?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Now, in your testimony, as you moved Detective
- 4 Casper around to display the position of David
- 5 Diaz as he was shot, you moved Detective
- 6 Casper to the north side of this white door;
- 7 isn't that correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. And in these photographs, Mr. Diaz's feet are
- 10 located to the south of the white doorjamb as
- depicted in Exhibit 25. Would you agree with
- 12 that?
- 13 A. I would agree he was more by the table, which
- 14 would be right about here.
- 15 Q. And would you also agree that in Exhibit 14,
- 16 Mr. Diaz's feet are positioned to the south of
- the doorjamb of the white door depicted in the
- middle of that Exhibit 14?
- 19 A. Yes, but I believe when he did fall, his feet
- 20 did stretch out, 'cuz he was shaken.
- 21 Q. Well, that's a supposition on your part, isn't
- that your guess because you didn't actually
- see him being shot; correct?
- 24 A. Not being shot, yes.
- 25 Q. You did not. Isn't that what you said, you

- 1 did not see him being shot?
- 2 A. Right. I didn't see nothing like smoke or
- 3 fire being shot at his head, no.
- 4 Q. So you cannot say with any degree of certainty
- 5 the exact position of Mr. Diaz when he was
- 6 shot; isn't that fair to say?
- 7 A. His exact position when he was shot, no, but
- 8 his position where I last seen him, yes.
- 9 Q. And you also said that it was possible,
- 10 because Mr. Griffin asked you this question,
- 11 you said it was possible that Mr. Diaz was
- shot by somebody who was to the south of this
- doorjamb? Didn't you say that that was
- 14 possible?
- 15 A. I don't recall what, I might have said it.
- 16 Q. Mr. Torres, during the course of your
- examination by Mr. Griffin, did you say that
- there was an individual, a Hispanic male named
- 19 Ricky that you observed in the living room
- 20 area with either a 25 caliber or a 38 caliber
- 21 handqun?
- 22 A. Well, when they were lifting weights I did
- observe him with a handgun.
- 24 Q. And as far as you know, after you went into
- 25 the kitchen area -- well, let's put it this

- 1 way. On Exhibit 51 you show Ricky on that
- 2 diagram; do you not?
- 3 A. Yes, I do.
- 4 Q. Because Ricky was still in that living room
- 5 area when you were engaged in the
- 6 confrontation with Danny Wilber inside the
- 7 kitchen area; isn't that true?
- 8 A. Well, I came down from the stairs, I seen him
- 9 to my right before entering the kitchen.
- 10 Q. So you know that he was still in the house at
- least up to the point that you were in the
- 12 kitchen; correct?
- 13 A. Up to that point, yes.
- 14 Q. And you indicated that there were other people
- that were watching as well in that living room
- 16 area; correct?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. Do you know who those people are?
- 19 A. No, I don't.
- 20 Q. Now, are you familiar with something called an
- 21 under lug?
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Are you familiar with the parts of a gun?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. A gun consists at least in part of a barrel;

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. And the barrel, you can put a counterweight
- below the barrel, and that's called an under
- 5 lug. Are you familiar with what I'm talking
- 6 about now?
- 7 A. No, not really.
- 8 Q. Okay. So the gun you said was a 25 caliber or
- 9 a 38 caliber handgun though; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 Q. Now, in your conversations with the police,
- 12 did you tell the police that David was shot
- from behind by Danny Wilber?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. You came to learn that he was shot from behind
- 16 at some later point after February 1st of
- 17 2004; correct?
- 18 A. After my statement, yes.
- 19 Q. After your statement you learned that he was
- shot from behind; correct? And as a result,
- isn't it fair to say that you cannot say with
- certainty that Danny Wilber was the person
- 23 that fired the shot at David Diaz?
- 24 A. I can't say it like positively, no.
- 25 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you for

- 1 your honesty, Mr. Torres.
- 2 THE COURT: Redirect.
- 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION:
- 4 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 5 O. What's a 38?
- 6 A. A 38 is a -- a 38 caliber.
- 7 Q. Semiautomatic?
- 8 A. Semiautomatic.
- 9 Q. What's a 380?
- 10 A. 38's also called revolvers.
- 11 Q. The gun that you saw Ricky with, what kind was
- 12 it? What did you see?
- 13 A. It was the kind that you have to load up from
- 14 the bottom of the handle, which would be a
- 15 semiautomatic.
- 16 Q. I'm going to show you what's a plastic gun.
- 17 What part of it did you see on Ricky?
- 18 A. The upper part.
- 19 Q. Point to it for the jury.
- 20 A. This part right here.
- 21 Q. You're pointing to the part that your hand
- goes around, what's often referred to as the
- 23 butt; correct?
- 24 A. Correct.
- 25 Q. And can you show the jury, for example, where

- 1 it was on his body?
- 2 A. It was on his hip. Right hip.
- 3 Q. On his right hip. The way I'm putting it in
- 4 my right hip like this?
- 5 A. No, the opposite direction.
- 6 Q. You mean with this part in?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. You mean like this?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. Okay. And the part of the gun you could see
- was the part where the magazine goes?
- 12 A. The magazine and the back of the handle.
- 13 Q. And the back here?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. Okay. Could you see the magazine?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Was it in there?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. So the magazine on the gun you saw Ricky with
- 20 which was either a 25 or a 38 was a
- 21 semiautomatic, the kind you put the magazine
- in here so you have your bullets in the butt
- 23 so you can fire it?
- 24 A. Yes.
- 25 Q. You ever fired a semiautomatic?

- 1 A. Yes.
- 2 Q. You ever fired a revolver?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And you know that it's impossible in a
- 5 revolver to have this butt stock here where
- 6 the magazine goes in?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. You know that a 25 caliber is a semiautomatic
- 9 handgun?
- 10 A. Yes.
- 11 Q. And what you told the police on February 1st
- was that you saw Ricky with a 25?
- 13 A. 25 or 38.
- 14 Q. And a 38 though, do you know if there's such a
- thing as a 38 semiautomatic?
- 16 A. It's not a 38, it's -- it's called a 380.
- 17 Q. Right. But in your mind is that the same
- thing, point 38?
- 19 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Objection.
- 20 Leading.
- THE COURT: Overruled. I'll
- 22 allow it.
- 23 A. I say there's probably a slight difference on
- 24 size of the caliber.
- 25 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:

- 1 Q. Well, why do you say 25, for example?
- 2 A. Because of the handle. Sometimes if you can't
- 3 see the handle it could be a smaller barrel.
- 4 Q. When we're talking about the handle do you
- 5 mean --
- 6 A. I mean the barrel part, this part if you
- 7 cannot see this it could be smaller. The exit
- 8 can be smaller.
- 9 Q. On the gun Ricky had could you see anything
- from the butt stock to the end of the barrel?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. All you saw was the part the magazine?
- 13 A. The magazine.
- 14 Q. Now, when you saw the defendant immediately
- after the shooting crouch down with something
- in his hands, was it a gun?
- 17 A. I believe so.
- 18 Q. You believed it was a gun. Which part of the
- gun did you see? Point to the jury, would
- 20 you.
- 21 A. The top portion.
- 22 Q. And you're going from about -- about all the
- 23 way back or partially back or where?
- 24 A. About right here.
- 25 Q. On this particular gun you're talking from a

- 1 part just above the trigger, to the end?
- 2 A. Correct.
- 3 Q. Did you see the handle part? In other words,
- 4 the butt stock.
- 5 A. NO, I did not.
- 6 Q. As the defendant held this thing, did you
- 7 believe it was a gun at that point?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. Did you back away from him?
- 10 A. Yes, I did.
- 11 Q. Why?
- 12 A. 'Cuz I was afraid of getting shot too.
- 13 Q. You thought the defendant was going to shoot
- 14 you?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. I'm going to show you some photographs that
- are going to be marked as Exhibit 54 --
- 18 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Excuse me.
- 19 Could I see. I -- yeah, we're good. This is
- going to be a group exhibit. Just for the
- 21 record, how many pages is it?
- 22 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Nine I think.
- 23 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Nine.
- 24 (Exhibit Number 54 was marked for
- 25 identification.)

- 1 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 2 Q. Do you see Ricky in any of those photos? Take
- 3 your time and look at them just look at the
- 4 pictures.
- 5 A. It would be the last one.
- 6 Q. The very last one?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. For the record, the name on that photograph is
- 9 Fidel Muniz or Muniz, M-U-N-I-Z; correct?
- 10 A. Correct.
- 11 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Excuse me,
- 12 could we have a side bar please.
- 13 (Discussion off the record.)
- 14 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Judge, I'm
- going to move Exhibit 54 into evidence.
- THE COURT: Any objection?
- 17 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: For
- identification purposes no. I may have a --
- 19 an objection --
- 20. THE COURT: Court's going to
- receive the 54 over the defense's objection.
- 22 (Exhibit Number 54 was received
- 23 into evidence.)
- 24 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 25 Q. Mr. Torres, this packet of photos that I

- showed you, 54, had I ever shown you those
- 2 before?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. And the last guy in here is the guy, that's
- 5 Ricky that you're talking about, that was in
- 6 the house that night; right?
- 7 A. Yes.
- 8 Q. And when Mr. Chernin talked about Ricky on
- 9 Exhibit --
- 10 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: 51.
- 11 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Thank you. I
- 12 appreciate it.
- 13 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 14 Q. -- 51, that's the last place you saw Ricky
- before you went into the kitchen, and all of
- 16 the -- the brouhaha started there in the
- 17 kitchen; right?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you know if Ricky stayed in the house at
- the point?
- 21 A. No, I don't.
- 22 Q. Do you have any idea where Ricky was at the
- time your friend David Diaz was shot in the
- head?
- 25 A. No, I don't.

- 1 Q. We talked about -- before about the different
- positions of the people. And you would agree
- 3 with me that you never -- you're not saying
- 4 even today that your -- that David Diaz was
- 5 directly -- his back lined up directly with --
- 6 with the defendant's shoulders where the
- 7 defendant's directly behind him; correct?
- 8 A. Correct.
- 9 Q. In fact, if that were true and if the
- 10 defendant were right-handed and he raised up
- 11 his gun, he's more likely going to get him on
- the right side?
- 13 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Objection.
- 14 This calls for speculation.
- 15 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'll withdraw
- 16 it.
- 17 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 18 Q. The way you explained it to the jury was
- 19 you're over there, the defendant's here, and
- David's just to the defendant's left at sort
- of a angle; correct?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Okay.
- JUROR: Microphone.
- THE COURT: Thank you.

- 1 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 2 Q. So you see Ricky with a semiautomatic, what
- 3 you believe is a semiautomatic; right?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. And the last time -- and you correct me if I'm
- 6 wrong, Exhibit 14, when you testified last
- 7 week, did you put David on what would be the
- 8 left side of the white door, or the right side
- 9 of the white door, meaning which of those two
- 10 doorjambs?
- 11 A. On the right side.
- 12 Q. So in other words, Mr. Chernin said, well
- didn't you say on Friday -- haven't you always
- 14 pointed to what would be sort of by the locks
- and the -- and the -- the doorjamb on the
- 16 right side of that white door that we see in
- 17 Exhibit 14?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. Do you recall after the shooting -- other than
- you, do you recall anyone else moving away
- 21 from where the defendant was?
- 22 A. Yes, I do.
- 23 Q. Do you remember who that was?
- 24 A. I think it was Jay, which was on the left side
- 25 corner of me. And there was already people

- 1 already in the bathroom. And the person that
- was standing next to me too also as well.
- 3 Q. And was that person standing next to you to
- 4 your right or to your left?
- 5 A. To my left.
- 6 Q. And these people as well were moving away from
- 7 the defendant?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. The guy that you identified in Exhibit 54 as
- 10 Ricky, do you know who his girlfriend is?
- 11 A. I don't know her by her name.
- 12 Q. Does the name Little Jamie mean anything to
- 13 you?
- 14 A. No, just I know that she had a lot of tattoos
- on her.
- 16 O. A lot of tattoos on her?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Nothing
- 19 further.
- 20 THE COURT: Recross.
- 21 RECROSS EXAMINATION:
- 22 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 23 Q. In October of 2004 do you recall meeting with
- a fifty-something-year-old white guy, tall
- with long hair, Bill Kohl, he's an

- 1 investigator?
- 2 A. I believe so, yes.
- 3 Q. And do you recall telling Mr. Kohl that after
- 4 David Diaz hit the floor you saw Slim slip,
- 5 and then you said you told him that you --
- 6 Mr. -- what Mr. Torres thought was a gun --
- 7 I'm sorry, after David Diaz hit the floor, you
- 8 saw Slim slip what you believed to be or
- 9 thought was a gun underneath his shirt?
- 10 A. His shirt, yes.
- 11 Q. And you also told Mr. Kohl that you were not
- 12 100 percent sure that it was a gun, but you
- 13 thought it was?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. So you're not absolutely certain -- isn't it
- fair to say that you're not absolutely certain
- 17 that the object that you saw Slim place below
- 18 his shirt was a gun?
- 19 A. I'm more into yes, I did. I do believe.
- 20 Q. But you're not 100 percent certain?
- 21 A. Not 100 percent.
- 22 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Judge, could
- 23 the -- I'm sorry, could you repeat that
- 24 answer.
- THE COURT: He's not a hundred

- percent certain, but he's leaning more towards
- 2 yes, he's sure.
- 3 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Thank you.
- 4 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 5 Q. Does the person now sitting in the back of the
- 6 courtroom, does that look like Mr. Kohl?
- 7 A. Yes, it is.
- 8 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'll stipulate
- 9 that it is Mr. Kohl and not a look alike.
- 10 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okay. Okay.
- 11 But we need not have him marked?
- 12 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Correct.
- 13 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you.
- 14 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 15 Q. Mr. Torres, in the demonstration that you were
- doing with Detective Casper and
- Mr. Griffin, you were using this as the south
- edge of the doorjamb, were you not, in the
- 19 demonstration? And I'm pointing to the thing
- on the wall that says name, marital status,
- 21 occupation?
- 22 A. No, I was just reference on the -- where it
- 23 might have been the door.
- 24 Q. Yeah. It might have been the door. And isn't
- it in fact the case that you were saying that

- 1 David Diaz and Slim were positioned on the
- stove side, the north side of the doorjamb, at
- 3 the time that you thought that the shot
- 4 occurred?
- 5 A. I was saying that Jeranek Diaz was more by the
- 6 outlet and David Diaz was more by the door.
- 7 Q. But that's a little bit different than what
- 8 you've portrayed in -- more than a little bit
- 9 different than what you portrayed in Exhibit
- 10 51; is it not?
- 11 A. No, it's not.
- 12 Q. Because you have --
- 13 A. Because this would be where the outlet is at,
- 14 and this would be where the door is at and
- this is exactly where the door is at.
- 16 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okay. Your
- 17 Honor, I'd ask to be able to publish Exhibit
- 18 51 to the jury.
- 19 THE COURT: You may.
- 20 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you.
- 21 THE COURT: Mr. Chernin, the
- 22 proper way to do that is through the deputy.
- 23 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Oh, sorry.
- 24 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'm not sure
- 25 51 was received, but I'll move it into

- 1 evidence at this time. I'm sure Mr. Chernin
- 2 has no objection.
- 3 THE COURT: One moment, let's
- just make sure that it has been received.
- 5 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: I'm sorry, if
- 6 it has not I would ask for the permission for
- 7 the admission of 51 and ask that it be
- 8 published.
- 9 THE COURT: My record and my
- 10 clerk's records, it has not been received. Is
- 11 the defense moving it in?
- 12 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Yes
- THE COURT: Any objection?
- 14 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: No.
- THE COURT: Court's going to
- 16 receive Exhibit 51, and any objection to it
- being published to the jury? So published.
- 18 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: No.
- 19 (Exhibit Number 51 was received
- 20 into evidence.)
- 21 THE COURT: It's been published.
- 22 You may continue.
- 23 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 24 Q. I believe it was fairly early in your direct
- examination by Mr. Griffin that you indicated

- 1 that you had some concerns about drama on the
- 2 night of January 31st, 2004. Is that -- or --
- yeah, 2004. Is that fair to say?
- 4 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'm going to
- object to the form of that question. He's
- 6 asking him to comment on whether it's fair to
- 7 say Mr. Chernin believes that.
- 8 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain
- 9 the objection. Rephrase. Also side bar with
- 10 the lawyers.
- 11 (Side bar.)
- 12 THE COURT: The objection's
- 13 sustained.
- 14 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 15 Q. It was during the course of your -- early in
- 16 your examination with Mr. Griffin you said you
- 17 had some concerns because Ricky was at the
- party or the after set on January 31st of
- 19 2004; isn't that correct?
- 20 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Objection.
- 21 Scope.
- THE COURT: Sustained. That
- means you don't have to answer the question.
- THE WITNESS: Okay.
- 25 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:

- 1 Q. Isn't it fair to say that you had some
- 2 concerns based upon the fact that Ricky was
- 3 present at the after set with a gun that you
- 4 just described for Mr. Griffin in his
- 5 redirect?
- 6 A. I knew he had a gun with him, but I wasn't
- 7 really worried about it.
- 8 Q. Well, now you say you weren't worried about
- 9 it, but isn't it fair to say that you had had
- 10 previous problems with Ricky?
- 11 A. I wouldn't say they were problems. I would
- 12 say like bad vibes.
- 13 Q. There were bad vibes just the week before with
- 14 Ricky; isn't that correct?
- 15 A. In a different household.
- 16 Q. Over some other issue that required Ricky to
- 17 carry a qun when he was around you?
- 18 A. I didn't see him with a gun the last time I
- 19 seen him, no.
- 20 Q. You did see him with a gun on January 31st of
- 21 2004, that you're clear about; aren't you?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. And at a different household, you -- you had
- 24 had problems with him; right?
- 25 A. Not problems, just being at some place where I

- wasn't really invited. So I was basically
- 2 just worried for myself being somewhere where
- 3 I wasn't invited.
- 4 Q. On his turf? Ricky's turf?
- 5 A. His parties, yes.
- 6 Q. But things had changed between the two of you
- 7 so that you were comfortable that he was at
- your house on January 31st of 2004; right?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 Q. And what were the bad vibes that you were
- 11 concerned with?
- 12 A. Just to see that 'cuz he was there the
- following week before and he did have a brush
- 14 with my roommate, you know, but I thought
- 15 nothing of it.
- 16 O. He had a brush with your roommate, David Diaz;
- 17 right?
- 18 A. They passed through the hallway, and it was
- just, you know, when you brush up, brush by
- 20 someone if you don't say excuse me or
- 21 something you get a dirty look.
- 22 O. So there was bad vibes between David Diaz --
- 23 A. I wouldn't say it was a bad vibe, it was just
- like something that I notice and I know when
- you get a bad look from someone.

- 1 Q. And in this case it was a bad look from
- 2 somebody that was carrying a gun; right?
- 3 A. There was no bad looks from him during the
- 4 party, so I didn't have no bad vibes about
- 5 him.
- 6 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you,
- 7 Mr. Torres.
- 8 THE COURT: Redirect.
- 9 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I don't have
- 10 anything.
- THE COURT: You may step down,
- 12 Mr. Torres.
- 13 (Witness excused.)
- 14 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Can we see you
- on the side, Judge, for a minute?
- 16 THE COURT: You may.
- 17 (Side bar.)
- 18 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Call Detective
- 19 Tim Duffy.
- 20 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Judge, before
- Detective Duffy comes on, can Mr. Griffin and
- I have a matter to discuss -- if I can have a
- 23 moment, please.
- 24 THE COURT: Come on up, Detective
- Duffy. Detective, I'm going to have you step

- 1 up into the box, raise your right hand, my
- 2 clerk will swear you in.
- 3 TIMOTHY DUFFY, called as a
- 4 witness herein, having been first duly sworn,
- 5 was examined and testified as follows.
- THE CLERK: Please be seated.
- 7 THE COURT: Detective, I'm going
- 8 to ask you to begin by stating your full name
- for the record, spelling your first and last
- 10 name.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Timothy Duffy.
- 12 T-I-M-O-T-H-Y, D-U-F-F-Y.
- THE COURT: You may begin.
- 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION:
- 15 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 16 O. Sir, what do you do for a living?
- 17 A. I'm a detective with the Milwaukee Police
- 18 Department.
- 19 Q. How long have you been on the force, how long
- 20 have you been a detective?
- 21 A. Been on the force a little over 22 years, I've
- 22 been a detective a little over 5 years.
- 23 Q. On Monday, February 2nd of 2004, did you along
- 24 with your partner, Joe Erwin, interview a
- woman by the name of Antonia West?

- 1 A. I did.
- 2 Q. And did she identify herself to you as the
- 3 sister of Danny Wilber?
- 4 A. She did.
- 5 Q. Did you review with her at that time, go back
- 6 over some of the events that had happened
- 7 there over on West Mineral Street that led to
- 8 the death of David Diaz?
- 9 A. Yes.
- 10 O. And one of the primary things that you and
- your partner did was to show her different
- 12 pictures to see who was there or who was at
- the bar before, those kind of things?
- 14 A. We did.
- 15 O. Did she at any point tell you where she was
- and what she was seeing at the time the
- gunshot went off?
- 18 A. She was in the kitchen, she had turned her
- 19 back on Danny and some other individuals that
- were there, she heard a gunshot and she
- 21 ducked.
- 22 Q. She indicated to you specifically that three
- 23 Hispanic males walked from the living room to
- the kitchen and told Danny to chill out;
- 25 correct?

- 1 A. She did.
- 2 Q. And she identified those as Richard Torres,
- 3 David Diaz, and at one point thought maybe it
- 4 was Fernando Ramirez Paniagua, although later
- 5 she said no, that's wrong, and identified
- 6 Jeranek Diaz?
- 7 A. That's correct.
- 8 Q. So the three people she puts talking to her
- 9 brother the moment before she turns around and
- 10 hears the gunshot are David Diaz, the dead
- 11 gentleman, Richard Torres and Jeranek
- 12 Diaz?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. And did she tell you what she specifically saw
- her brother doing, Danny Wilber, at the time
- of the gunshot?
- 17 A. He was in the -- in the kitchen.
- 18 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, I have
- 19 an objection to this based upon relevancy and
- 20 -- and hearsay.
- 21 THE COURT: Overruled on both
- 22 counts. I'll allow it.
- 23 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 24 Q. In other words, what did Ms. West tell you she
- 25 saw the defendant was doing the second before,

- 1 the second of and the second after the
- 2 gunshot?
- 3 A. He was talking to the victim.
- 4 Q. And what did she see when the gunshot went
- 5 off?
- 6 A. She had her back turned. She said she turned
- 7 her back and heard a a gunshot.
- 8 Q. She turned away?
- 9 A. She had her back turned she said.
- 10 Q. Did she tell you that she ducked and she was
- 11 scared?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. Did she tell you she thought for a moment that
- she may have been shot because she felt
- something bump her arm?
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. Did she tell you that she turned and looked
- 18 back, she saw that Danny was gone?
- 19 A. That is correct.
- 20 Q. Didn't she tell you that she saw the defendant
- 21 throw his hands up in the air and then start
- 22 patting him down to see if he'd been shot?
- 23 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well,
- objection, on the basis of Crawford case at
- 25 this point.

- 1 THE COURT: Overruled. I'll
- 2 allow it.
- 3 A. I don't recall her saying that to me.
- 4 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 5 Q. She never mentioned anything about the
- 6 defendant throwing his hands up in the air.
- 7 In fact, she said that from the time the
- 8 gunshot went off till the time you interviewed
- 9 her, she'd never seen her brother at all;
- 10 didn't she?
- 11 A. That's correct.
- 12 Q. In fact, she said she didn't see him the next
- day or the day after that. You're
- interviewing her on February 2nd. From the
- moment she turned her back on the defendant at
- that party till the moment you're sitting with
- her in a room, she never saw Danny Wilber
- 18 again; isn't that what she told you?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Didn't she specifically tell you that she
- 21 couldn't tell you whether Danny did or did not
- have a gun because her back was turned when
- 23 the shooting occurred?
- 24 A. That is correct.
- 25 Q. I'm going to show you what's been marked as

- 1 Exhibit 28. Do you recognize that?
- 2 A. That's a PA45-B. It's a form that the
- 3 Milwaukee Police Department uses that we
- 4 hand write a person's statement on. And this
- one is one written by me on the 2nd of
- 6 February, and it is the interview of Antonia
- 7 West.
- 8 Q. You knew, did you not, that's she'd been
- 9 interviewed by Detective Louis Johnson and
- 10 Detective Randy Olson from about 11:30 a.m.
- 11 till 4:00 p.m.?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Objection.
- 14 Hearsay.
- THE COURT: Overruled. I'll
- 16 allow it.
- 17 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: And, Your
- 18 Honor --
- 19 THE COURT: I'm going to note
- that you have a running objection, but we had
- a discussion of this in chambers earlier this
- 22 morning.
- 23 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okay. I
- 24 appreciate that, that's what I was going to
- ask you. As long as the record so reflects.

- 1 Thank you, Your Honor.
- 2 BY ATTORNEY GRIFFIN:
- 3 Q. You and detective Erwin started talking to her
- at about what time, 5:00 p.m.?
- 5 A. 5:04.
- 6 Q. And it's fair to say that she was not under
- 7 arrest?
- 8 A. She was not.
- 9 Q. If she had said to you, you know what, I'm
- 10 sick of this and I'm sick of you two, I want
- to get out of here, what do you have to do?
- 12 A. She would have been free to go.
- 13 Q. Did you force her, promise her, threaten her,
- 14 beat her, burn her with cigarettes, do
- anything to her to get her to talk to you?
- 16 A. No.
- 17 Q. On the bottom of the first page, there's both
- initials and a signature. Do you see where
- 19 I'm talking about?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. What is that?
- 22 A. AW is for Antonia West, and then she signed it
- 23 right after that.
- 24 Q. Are those her initials too on about the eighth
- line down on that page? I'll count 'em. I

- 1 think 11 lines down.
- 2 A. Yes, it is.
- 3 Q. Okay. Is that where it talks about how she's
- 4 -- strike that.
- 5 How is it that she puts her
- 6 initials and signature and all that on these
- 7 pages? Explain that to the jury.
- 8 A. When you write a statement down and you have a
- 9 person you're interviewing, any time you go
- 10 over it, and it's not unusual to be
- interviewing someone, you interview 'em, then
- 12 you start writing it down and as you're
- 13 writing you're talking, so sometimes you make
- 14 a mistake, either spelling or in a choice of
- 15 word you use. And when you're done with a
- statement the person you're interviewing you
- go over it with, as I read it, he or she will
- read along, and if there's a mistake either,
- if I notice a mistake or if the person who is
- 20 giving the interview notices a mistake we'll
- 21 correct it and the initials AW will go down
- 22 there, indicating that the correction was made
- in their presence, and that it wasn't made
- 24 after the interview was done.
- Some people at times don't want

- to sign, but they'll put their initials.
- 2 Sometimes if people just decline to sign a
- form, we can't make anybody sign anything. In
- 4 this case, the AW down here, there's an AW --
- 5 Q. When you say 'down here' what part of that
- 6 exhibit are you referring to?
- 7 A. The -- page 1, and it basically reads -- talks
- 8 about West had voluntarily come down to the
- 9 CIB to be interviewed regarding the homicide
- of David Diaz Junior, his date of birth, it
- says which occurred on 1-31-04 at 1128 West
- 12 Mineral Street. And she acknowledged that by
- 13 putting her initials AW.
- 14 Q. Did you go back over this document with her
- 15 after it was written? In other words, the --
- 16 the -- the four pages of writing and the
- diagram that's attached at the end, is there a
- diagram on yours?
- 19 A. No, there is not, sir.
- 20 Q. Okay. I'm going to show you what's been
- 21 marked as Exhibit 28-A, it got separated
- from -- at one point from that document. But
- 23 when you were with Ms. West that page was also
- 24 included; correct?
- 25 A. That is correct.

- 1 Q. So if you take all five of those pages, the
- four written pages and that little map, that
- 3 would be everything you did with Ms. West?
- 4 A. Yes.
- 5 Q. Did she sign every page?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. Did you go back through it with her,
- 8 Detective?
- 9 A. Yes, we did.
- 10 Q. Did you read it to her?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. At any time in your dealing with Ms. West did
- it seem to you that she was unclear about what
- 14 you were talking about?
- 15 A. No, she was very clear. In fact, part of the
- 16 reason we went back and reinterviewed her was
- to clarify some things from the previous
- 18 statement that either were a little bit
- confusing or she wasn't clear on. And she
- 20 clarified those for us.
- 21 Q. And even when you, for example, showed her a
- 22 picture of Mr. Ramirez Paniagua, at first she
- 23 said that's one of the three guys that
- 24 approached Danny, she then changed that and
- 25 said, no, it's Jeranek Diaz?

- 1 A. That's correct.
- 2 Q. At the very last -- page 4 of 5 there's an X
- 3 again with her signature, why didn't you write
- in after that, after she signed it, why didn't
- 5 you write in, Antonia added at the very end
- 6 Danny shot that guy?
- 7 A. She didn't say it.
- 8 Q. Did she sign the map?
- 9 A. She had -- there is an X with her name and a
- 10 date of birth.
- 11 Q. Did she sign that in your presence?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. The markings on there for where people are,
- 14 Donald Jennings, Torres, Danny, victim, Jay
- Diaz, Nevada Medrow, Jay, me, all of that, did
- she put that in there?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. Why didn't you put her closer to the shooting,
- Detective? Why didn't you put 'me' right next
- 20 to the shooter so that you could pin her in
- and say, aha, you had to have seen it?
- 22 A. Well, that's a point she told me, us, Joe and
- 23 I, where she was.
- 24 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Nothing
- 25 further.

- 1 THE COURT: Cross.
- 2 CROSS EXAMINATION:
- 3 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 4 Q. Detective Duffy, you've read -- in fact you
- 5 read the earlier interview of Antonia West
- 6 that was prepared by Detective Louis Johnson;
- 7 correct?
- 8 A. I read it some time ago, yes.
- 9 Q. And in fact, you read it in preparation to
- 10 reinterview Ms. West; correct?
- 11 A. That's when -- the last time I read it, yes.
- 12 Q. And so you knew what she had told Detective
- Johnson; correct?
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And would you agree that Detective Johnson
- 16 uses a -- incorporates a line on his
- interviews, including this one, saying that
- the individual had read the interview and what
- they've said is true and correct?
- 20 A. I don't specifically remember reading that
- line, but it is a common line that that
- 22 detective would use at the end.
- 23 Q. You don't use that one, do you though;
- 24 correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And you're not -- you don't -- you do not
- 2 exclude that because what's on here isn't true
- and correct, you just don't feel a need to do
- 4 so?
- 5 A. It's individual detective's choice. A lot of
- detectives use that line when they close.
- 7 Q. Now, with respect to Ms. West, where did she
- 8 come from? When she voluntarily engaged in
- 9 this interview with you was she still in
- 10 police custody?
- 11 A. She was never in police custody, to my
- 12 knowledge.
- 13 Q. Well, was she still -- she was interviewed
- 14 from 11:30 a.m. until 4:01 a.m. by Louis
- Johnson; isn't that correct?
- 16 A. It was Detective Johnson, and I think it was
- 17 also Detective Olson that was with him.
- 18 Q. So -- and 11:30 a.m., that's like morning --
- that would be like this morning; right?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Until 4:01 p.m. -- I'm sorry, it's p.m, I
- apologize, he writes a.m. in one place
- and p.m. in another, is it fair to say that
- you then saw her later that same day of
- 25 February 2nd?

- 1 A. Yes. Basically what happens is it's not
- 2 uncommon for someone to come down voluntarily,
- 3 be interviewed, we have a briefing between --
- I start at 4:00 o'clock, they finish at 4:00
- 5 o'clock, we have a homicide briefing between
- 6 where the day's events are briefed on a
- 7 homicide we're working on. And it's not
- 8 uncommon during that briefing, after they
- 9 have -- they'll come in and say what the
- 10 witness had said and someone from the early
- 11 shift may remember different aspects of the
- investigation, especially if there were
- detectives there that were at that scene.
- And it's not uncommon for
- detectives to say, hey, we need to ask her
- 16 about this, and that doesn't sound quite
- 17 right, is she sure. And we'll go back in
- 18 there, just go over things to make sure -- a
- 19 new set of detectives to make sure everything
- is correct, and is there anything else she may
- or may not remember. It happens all the time.
- 22 Q. And do you know where she was between
- 4:01 p.m. on February 2nd until 5:04 p.m. when
- you commenced your interview?
- 25 A. She was either in -- there's a witness waiting

- 1 room that is on the fourth floor, and I can't
- 2 remember if we got her from there or she chose
- 3 to remain in the room she was being
- interviewed in. I can't remember which one it
- 5 was. It was one of the two.
- 6 Q. So you don't know?
- 7 A. I'm not positive. It's going to be one of
- 8 those two.
- 9 Q. And you haven't recorded that anywhere; right?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 O. And if she was still in the same little
- 12 interview room that she had been in with --
- and I said little, could you describe what
- 14 those interview rooms are like?
- 15 A. They're -- they're various sizes. There's --
- 16 there's a couple at that time that had windows
- in it. There's one, it's about six by eight,
- actually there's a couple that are about six
- by eight, there's one that's like ten by
- 20 twelve. They're lit. It's just a basic room
- 21 with concrete walls.
- 22 Q. With a table?
- 23 A. Yeah, table and chairs.
- 24 Q. A couple chairs. And they're painted kind of
- 25 a gummy tan?

- 1 A. They're tan. They're -- they're -- they're
- 2 basic government building tan.
- 3 Q. And there is a hook and eye -- or an eye
- 4 rather, on the wall, a big -- big eye so that
- 5 if you wanted to chain somebody or handcuff
- 6 somebody to the wall you could?
- 7 A. Well, that's -- yeah, there is an eye, it's a
- 8 round steel loop that's bolted through the
- 9 wall, and what that is for, those are the same
- 10 rooms that when we have to interview prisoners
- they're also in there. And when we leave we
- have to place one cuff around the wrist and
- one at the chain, which is actually at the
- 14 table level. So they just have to sit there
- with their hand on the table.
- 16 Q. And with respect to Ms. West, if you're inside
- those interview rooms, that's a locked area
- where it's only accessible by members of the
- 19 police department; isn't that correct?
- 20 A. It's accessible by citizens if they're with
- us, but under the terms you're talking about,
- yes, would be by police officers.
- 23 Q. Okay. A police officer would have to escort
- somebody into the area; correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 Q. And no one could just like walk around in that
- area unless they were a police officer; right?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 O. There's no telephone in there; is there?
- 5 A. In the rooms?
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. There's a -- there's no telephone in the
- 8 rooms, but there is a telephone in the
- 9 hallway.
- 10 Q. And with respect to Ms. West, in the course of
- 11 your interview, you look at Exhibit 28-A, the
- diagram that she did, you would agree, would
- you not, that the last position that she saw
- her brother in was to the north of the
- 15 location where David Diaz is depicted on
- 16 Exhibit 28-A; correct?
- 17 A. Yes. To the north and a little bit to the
- 18 side.
- 19 Q. And if we were to compare her diagram with
- 20 Exhibit 15 and the doorways depicted in
- 21 Exhibit 28-A, correct, one would say that her
- 22 brother was -- and if the stove -- do you
- agree that there's a stove depicted in Exhibit
- 24 15?
- 25 A. Over there. And the one on 15. Okay.

- 1 Q. And 28-A.
- 2 A. Um-hmm.
- 3 Q. And that stove area is like -- is to the
- 4 north; correct?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Okay. And during the course of Antonia West's
- 7 interview, both with you and Detective
- Johnson, she was very consistent in her
- 9 statement as to the position of her brother
- 10 being to the north of David Diaz; correct?
- 11 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Well, I'm
- 12 going to ask that he not comment on Detective
- Johnson's statements unless he's going to
- 14 review it.
- 15 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 16 Q. Well, at the time you didn't do anything in
- your interview to clarify a change in the
- position that Ms. West had provided; did you?
- 19 THE COURT: I'm going to sustain
- the objection. Rephrase.
- 21 BY ATTORNEY CHERNIN:
- 22 Q. You were looking for clarifications in your
- 23 interview; correct?
- 24 A. We went over the statement, and when she had
- 25 things that were different, or any -- anything

- 1 that was a little bit clear as to the
- 2 positions that was different it was
- 3 documented.
- 4 Q. And in your documentation she never places her
- 5 brother behind David Diaz; does she?
- 6' A: She places him -- well, depends what you mean
- 7 behind.
- 8 Q. Okay.
- 9 A. Behind is -- is relative to where?
- 10 Q. Okay. If you're facing me, okay, and I'm --
- let's say you're David Diaz and I'm Danny
- 12 Wilber, our positions -- I'm not behind you,
- 13 I'm to your front; correct?
- 14 A. Okay. I would have to say yeah, that would be
- 15 correct.
- 16 Q. We're fronting one another, we're face to
- 17 face; correct?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And in -- in any manner, Ms. West, in any
- 20 manner, she never indicates that her brother
- is behind David Diaz; isn't that correct?
- 22 A. I would have to say that's correct.
- 23 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you,
- 24 Detective Duffy.
- THE COURT: Redirect.

1 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Nothing. Ι 2 move 28 into evidence. 3 THE COURT: Any objection? Not 4 28-A at this time, it's just 28. 5 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I believe --6 THE COURT: 28-A has already been 7 received. ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Correct. 9 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okay. Subject 10 to a continuing objection? THE COURT: Court will receive 11 12 Exhibit 28 over the objection, continuing 13 objection of defense counsel. 14 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Thank you. 15 (Exhibit Number 28 was received 16 into evidence.) 17 THE COURT: Detective, you may 18 step down. I'm going to ask you to tender 19 those materials to my clerk as you pass by. 20 Ladies and gentlemen, it's 12:25, 21 lunch has arrived. We're going to have our 22 next witness as scheduled from the State's case in chief at 1:30. Is that correct, 23 24 Mr. Griffin? 25 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Yes.

THE COURT: All right. So it's 1 going to be an abbreviated lunch hour today. Everything is back there. Again, you're not to discuss any part of the testimony or anything about the case with each other or with anyone until directed to do so by this 6 court. Don't allow the parties to approach 7 you, don't approach the parties. We're also going to continue with the sequestration. 9 You'll continue to be back in the jury room at 10 all times. If you're going to be leaving, 11 you'll leave in groups, and you'll be escorted 12 13 by one of my deputies. Thank you. DEPUTY: All rise. .14 (Jury out of box.) 15 THE COURT: You may be seated. 16 As I understand, the State is going to be 17 calling its next witnesses, Lea 18 Franceschetti --19 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Yes. 20 THE COURT: -- back to the 21 witness stand. And any other witnesses this 22 afternoon, Mr. Griffin? 23 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Yes. 24 Detective Burgos, Detective Caballero, Officer 25

Collado, unless we work out a stipulation, 1 Detective Olson possibly, and Detective 2 Villarreal. Did I say Gastrow? 3 THE COURT: No. 4 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Gastrow. I'll . 5 finish this afternoon, Judge, I'm reasonably 6 certain. 7 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: I was going to 8 ask for some direction in that regard. I 9 anticipated calling Mr. Kohl. 10 THE COURT: I don't believe the 11 State -- if we start at 1:30 and we will have 12 to abbreviate it today, I've got a meeting 13 with the chief judge at 5:00 p.m, which means 14 that you're looking at three and half hours 15 for seven witnesses. 16 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Well, but a 17 lot of them are sort of like Detective Duffy, 18 just going through a statement, and I don't 19 think they will take more than half an hour. 20 Also, I'm asking the court to take judicial 21 notice of 02CM006647, that on February 4th of 22 2004, which was when Mr. Oscar Niles was --23 came downtown, there was an outstanding 24 commitment for him, which would of course --

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in that case, that it was ordered that any law 1 enforcement officer arrest and detain him in 2 custody for two days until the \$147 is paid. 3 It was then paid on February 6th, which was 4 after Milwaukee was done with him. But he did 5 come down voluntarily. 6 I believe Detective Gastrow will 7

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- say that he had a warrant and in fact there was a warrant outstanding for his arrest. It was not any kind of illegal detention or illegal arrest on Mr. Niles and explained why he was in the jail.
- ATTORNEY CHERNIN: I respectfully disagree. I think that that requires -- I won't stipulate to that, I think it requires a witness. And I also think that it requires 16 Mr. Niles' recollection of whether that 17 warrant was served upon him. 18
- ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I'm not asking 19 for a stipulation, I'm asking this court to 20 take judicial notice of that fact, which is in 21 the court file. I asked your clerk to order 2.2 that file up, it was brought up this morning, 23 and the court can review that in C-CAP. C-CAP 24 also shows -- I printed it out but didn't 25

- 1 bring it down, I could bring it down this 2 afternoon -- that it was on February 6th that 3 that commitment -- February 6th of '04 the 4 commitment was deemed served or paid, which is 5 shown in there, but on February 4th, when he 6 was in MPD custody there was a warrant for his 7 arrest. THE COURT: On what date? 8 9 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That was on 10 February 4th. Let me double check. Correct. February 4th of 2004. 11 12 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Okay. Here's 13 the problem. I don't think the court can take 14 judicial notice of the warrant, in that we 15 don't have any paperwork, showing that that 16 warrant was served on February 4th. 17 doesn't say it was served -- the warrant was 18 served on February 4th. Every time you see a 19 warrant, a bench warrant or the like, it
- 20 always shows when the warrant was served by
- 21 the party who served it. There's no
- indication that the Milwaukee -- the City of
- 23 Milwaukee Police Department served that
- 24 warrant on February 4th.
- 25 It does -- what it does show is

- that he paid the citation on February 6th,

 according to the stand, but I don't think the

 court's in a position to take judicial notice

 that -- either that the Milwaukee Police

 Department had knowledge of the warrant at the

 time or that the warrant was served upon
- 7 Mr. Niles at that time.
- 8 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Neither of 9 which am I asking this court to take judicial 10 notice of. Let me be more specific and I'll 11 repeat myself. This court can take judicial 12 notice of the fact that on February 4th of 13 2004 there was a commitment/order to arrest 14 for Oscar Niles. That's all. What MPD may 15 have done with that this court cannot take 16 judicial notice of, I'm not asking them to. 17 When there's a bench warrant out for someone 18 the police arrest them out on the street, they 19 don't serve him with a warrant, but they have 20 a right to arrest him, and et cetera, et 21 cetera, et cetera. That's all I'm asking the 22 court to take judicial notice of, is what's in 23 that court file.
- THE COURT: What I have is a -- a commitment order for nonpayment of fine,

1 original, and it appears that the commitment 2 order, the warrant, was paid or satisfied on 3 February 6th of '04. That's the date on it, 4 with the attached notation by the Sheriff's 5 Department, I hereby certify and return that I 6 did on the 6th of February, 2004, in the City 7 of Milwaukee, take the within named Oscar R. 8 Niles as required by the -- with -- by the within commitment and committed him to 9 Milwaukee County Jail, dated 2-6-04. You keep 10 referencing an '04 date, it says '06 -- or it 11 says February 6th on this warrant. 12 13 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Right, 14 February 6th of 2004. 15 THE COURT: Correct. And it does 16 in fact verify that the Sheriff's 17 Department -- and it's stamped Sheriff's 18 Department did do that, did take the 19 commitment or exercise its commitment 20 authority under -- on this warrant on February 21 6th, 2004. What is it that you're exactly 22 asking me to take judicial notice of? ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That on 23 24 February 4th of 2004 that commitment was outstanding for Mr. Niles, and there was an 25

1 order to arrest. 2 THE COURT: Well, there 3 clearly -- the commitment was outstanding and not satisfied until February 6th of 2004. 4 5 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That's my point. And I don't remember the exact date it 6 7 was issued. It was sometime I believe in '03, 8 though I could be wrong about that, because I 9 don't recall, I think it was like July of '03 10 or something that the commitment was issued. 11 THE COURT: July 16th, 2003. 12 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: In other 13 words, it's the State's perspective, Judge, 14 that Mr. Niles is somewhat of a truth fudger, 15 and that his, whoa is me, I'm locked up in 16 this jail, which of course makes the police 17 look like they're holding this guy illegally, 18 he's actually in a cell, they had every right to hold him, they had a right to arrest him 19 and put him in a cell. There's a commitment 20 out for him. He can be arrested. He could 21 have been taken out of his car or bedroom or 22 23 store or anywhere else the police found him 24 and brought downtown. 25 THE COURT: And what is it that

1 my taking judicial notice of, what are -- what 2 are you expecting to see or hear Detective 3 Gastrow say to that point? ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: That Mr. Niles 5 came down voluntarily and then they discovered 6 that he had a warrant out for his arrest, 7 which, you know, the police term warrant means that they can arrest him. There's some -- I 8 9 mean, it turns out it's a commitment, but 10 that's what he recalled, and sure enough there is one. 11 THE COURT: I believe that's 12 13 appropriate rehabilitation or at least 14 impeachment of a witness that was called on 1.5 this matter and did testify in that regard. 16 Otherwise there's an inference out there, Mr. Chernin, that as the State has correctly 17 pointed out, that the jury is going to be left 18 with the inference that he was held because 19 20 you spent quite of a bit of your cross examination on that point that he was held 21 22 against his will for some significant period of time. 23 -24 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, which is 25 in fact the case, because they -- when they

1 discovered this warrant, is when they -- when he's turned over and the sheriff serves him at 2 3 the jail. It doesn't -- that doesn't -- this after the fact we've got warrant for him, it's 5 just -- there's no ADR on that showing that there was a warrant for him at the time. There's no --7 THE COURT: Sure there is. We 9 don't need an ADR, the warrant itself indicates that it was issued on such and such 10 11 a date and it remained open until February the 12 6th. 13 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: When the MPD 14 officer takes somebody into custody on a 15 warrant --16 THE COURT: I'm very familiar 17 with MPD practices. 18 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: There is no 19 such -- there is no such ADR in this case 20 relating to Oscar Niles. If you can show me 21 that there is one, then maybe it would be an 22 appropriate stipulation, but there isn't. 23 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I --24 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: If this man is 25 being held against his will and on the basis

of a commitment, he could have paid a fine --1 2 THE COURT: Court's going to 3 overrule your objection. I am going to -- I think it's legitimate use of impeachment, you 5 have to put it in through Detective Gastrow or whoever it is that you intend to do it 6 through, and at that point you can ask me to 7 8 take judicial notice of this warrant. You can 9 do it on the record in the presence of the 10 jury. 11 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Thank you. 12 THE COURT: We're going to be on 13 our lunch break until 1:30. 14 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Your Honor, 15 this is real -- real quick. There's a 16 stipulation that Mr. Griffin has asked me for 17 with respect to Officer Collado taking this 18 Mr. Wilber into custody and doing an ADR, and 19 on the ADR it indicates that Mr. Wilber's 20 address on February 20th of 2004 was 25 --21 that he told the officer that it was 2548 West 22 Forest Home, and that was the address that the 23 officer had. And that's what the State's 24 asking me to stipulate to. 25 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: Right. I

1 spoke with Officer Collado, he does not know 2 if the defendant gave him that information or if it was the last known address on file. 3 THE COURT: So what are you going 5 to do, put him on the stand to say what? ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: No, I'm going 6 to ask Bill Kohl when he testifies. 7 THE COURT: What address he went 8 9 to to interview the defendant? 10 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I believe that Bill Kohl has an address for this defendant. 11 12 I believe the defense is going to call him to 13 the stand and I believe that I can ask him 14 that. 15 THE COURT: What was your 16 concern, Mr. Griffin? I'm not sure what 17 Mr. Chernin -- wait, let me just back up. 18 Mr. Chernin, you started to talk about a stipulation. I'm not quite sure where 19 you were going with it. 20 21 ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Well, because I had been asked -- sorry to stutter -- I've 22 23 been asked for such a stipulation. 24 ATTORNEY GRIFFIN: I didn't know

Mr. Chernin was going to bring this up. We

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1	naven't had a chance to talk yet about this.
2	Officer Collado is in the hallway, and that
3	came up this morning. He showed up again. So
4	if however Mr. Chernin if Mr if
5	Mr. Chernin wants to stipulate that Mr.
6	Wilber gave that address as his that's fine,
7	we can do that, but I'm not ready to stipulate
8	to that at this point because I'm not sure
9	it's accurate. So we can take lunch.
LO	ATTORNEY CHERNIN: Let's just do
L1	that and we'll talk. I'm sorry. Thank you,
12	Your Honor.
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